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Dear parents & carers,

### **Royal Opera House Youth Opera Company – find out what it's all about!**

Is your child aged 9-12? Do they enjoy performing? If so, we would like to invite them to take part in a singing & drama workshop at the Royal Opera House this September 2018. There they'll experience a day in the life of our youth opera company.

If after the welcome workshop children have shown potential and enthusiasm and are interested in joining the main ROH Youth Opera Company, we may invite them to a recruitment workshop in October. We aim for each workshop to give every participant a chance to learn new skills, make new friends and have lots of fun.

For the next school year, we'll be recruiting 35 new members from the workshops to join our company.

### **More about the Youth Opera Company**

The ROH Youth Opera Company was established nine years ago and comprises of 50 children from Greater London and Thurrock. It's free to be a member and children don't need any previous experience of formal music, singing or drama tuition to qualify a place; all that's required of a young person to join is a committed attitude, a willingness to explore opera further and a passion for singing and acting. The company meet regularly (inclusive of weekends and during school holidays) at the Royal Opera House.

### **What people say about it...**

*"I have been here for 4 years and it has been the best experience ever, I've met new people and this has been my second home"* [Founding YOC member]

*"The Youth Opera Company has given [my child] a great platform to be on the main stage. He is now more confident to go out on his own [and] is more responsible."* [Parent of YOC 15/16 Graduate]

### **Important Dates**

Welcome Workshops      **Saturday 22 September** 10:30-13:30 OR 14:30-17:30  
   **Saturday 29 September** 10:30-13:30 OR 14:30-17:30

Recruitment Workshops\* **Saturday 6 October** 10:30-13:30 OR 14:30-17:30

\*The recruitment workshops will only be for those children invited back to the second stage of the process.

**Please turn over for next steps →**

## **Next steps**

We hope that your child will be keen to take part in a Youth Opera Company welcome workshop. If you have any questions or would like an informal chat about YOC, please don't hesitate to call the Learning & Participation Office on **020 7212 9410** or email [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk).

To request a place for your child, please complete the accompanying form and return it no later than **Friday 10 August** by:

Email to [youthopera@roh.org.uk](mailto:youthopera@roh.org.uk)

Or by post to            Youth Opera Company  
                                Royal Opera House  
                                Learning & Participation  
                                London  
                                WC2E 9DD

Once the deadline has closed, we will confirm places by email (unless requested otherwise). We will also confirm your allocated welcome workshop date and time. Until specified, please ensure you are available for both Saturday 22 & 29 September.

Best wishes,

**Rachel Clarke**

Learning and Participation Opera Manager

# Youth Opera Company

## Welcome Workshops 2018

### Child's Details

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Name of child |  |
| Child's age   |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Gender        |  |

### Parent/Carer's Details

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Name of parent/carer                  |   |
| Email address                         |   |
| Telephone number                      |   |
| Home address                          |   |
| Borough                               |   |
| Emergency contact number              |   |
| Can we communicate with you by email? | Yes / No<br>If not, please state how you would us to contact you: |

### School Details

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Name and postcode of child's school |  |
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### Additional Information

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| Does your child have any allergies, or medical conditions? If so, please state:                            |  |
| Does your child have any special requirements e.g. access requirements or disability? If so, please state: |  |
| Where did you hear about this opportunity?   |  |

- i. **I confirm that my son/daughter will be attending a welcome workshop in September**
- ii. **I will arrange for him/her to be taken to the Royal Opera House and collected again at the end the workshop.**
- iii. **Unless requested otherwise, I understand that my child's place in the workshop will be confirmed by email.**
- iv. **I give consent for you to keep my details on file and contact you with information regarding the Youth Opera Company**

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_